

HEAVY ADVANCE IN DOMESTIC TRAFFIC

Wheat Shipments for First Quarter of Current Year Show Increase of 15,000,000 Bushels.

GULF RECEIPTS QUADRUPLLED.

Two Million Barrels of Oil Shipped From Beaumont Fields Between January 1 and March 30.

The Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, Mo., a summary of domestic trade movements for the first quarter of 1903 is presented in the March summary of Internal Commerce, issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics.

It shows for the three months comprising the first quarter of the current year, the receipts of live stock at five leading markets were 7,807,901 head, compared with 5,030,832 head last year and 7,646,572 head in the preceding year for corresponding periods.

A comparison of traffic operations shows that to the end of March, 1903, the same five markets received 141,570 cars of stock, whereas 141,275 cars were credited to the corresponding quarter of 1902, and 112,332 cars in 1901.

A noticeable feature in the market is the increase in the number of cattle, sheep and horses, accompanied by a numerical increase in the average weight of hogs, the average weight at Kansas City for March, 1903, being thirty pounds greater than in March, 1902. Eight wheat receiving markets, to the end of March for the current crop year, reported 212,730,336 bushels of wheat received. For the corresponding period of 1902 a total of 192,730,336 bushels were reported, and in 1901 only 180,912,896 bushels.

The stocks of coal at the five reporting markets on March 31, 1903, was 231,922,032 pounds, compared with 206,214,533 pounds on the same date a year ago. This is a reduction of 24.2 per cent. A comparison of receipts of hogs at the five markets shows a reduction of 30.2 per cent.

Freight receipts for the first three months of the current year on the great lakes totaled \$10,890 net tons, compared with \$14,118 net tons in 1902. For the three months ending with March, 2,570 arrivals were reported, with a combined registry of 2,666,135 net tons.

At the North Atlantic seaboard the four ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore received 61,041,291 bushels of grain, including flour, reduced to bushels, for the first quarter of 1903, and 44,085,577 bushels for the corresponding quarter of 1902.

In Southern territory traffic operations in cotton for the first seven months of the season indicate that out of a total available supply of 8,539,666 bales 7,061,131 bales were received at ports, 341,332 bales entered into overland shipments and 1,538,000 bales were included in Southern mill takings. This last figure is to be compared with 1,231,258 bales for Southern mill takings last season and 1,044,332 bales at Atlantic ports.

Of the port receipts given above 4,540,173 bales were received at the Gulf ports and 2,524,412 bales at Atlantic ports.

The increase in the volume of grain trade at the Gulf ports is shown by a comparison of shipments through those ports to the end of March, 1903, and New Orleans grain shipments, including flour, reduced to bushels, for the first quarter of the year amounted to 15,216,331 bushels, compared with 12,125,457 bushels for the corresponding period a year ago. At Galveston the total wheat shipments for the first quarter amounted to 2,032,332 bushels, compared with 1,237,370 bushels for the first quarter of 1902.

Anthracite shipments for the first quarter of the current year were 16,347,068 tons, compared with 15,065,135 tons in the same month of 1902 and 14,771,347 tons for a like period in 1901. The Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh report 8,734,134 tons originating on those lines during the first twelve weeks of the current year.

Coal receipts at St. Louis for the first quarter were 1,602,285 tons, with 1,445,780 tons for a like period in 1902.

At Chicago coal and coke receipts for this quarter were 3,341,675 tons, and for the corresponding period of 1902 were 2,712,332 tons. The Beaumont oil fields shipped 35,000 cars, containing 2,791,483 barrels of petroleum, for the three months ending with March.

CORN WITH A PEDIGREE LATEST IN AGRICULTURE.

Professor G. M. Tucker of Missouri State University has plan for Largely Increasing Yield.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbia, Mo., May 1.—Professor George M. Tucker, instructor in soils and crops in Missouri University, has a plan which, if carried out, will make the increased corn crop of Missouri pay the entire direct tax of the State.

He proposes to have the farmers of the State adopt the use of scientific corn seed corn. By the use of this seed, the increase in the crop will more than pay the tax.

The acreage for corn in Missouri for 1902 was 7,645,000 acres. An increase of one bushel to the acre would mean an increase in the total crop of 7,645,000 bushels, and this would mean an increase in the valuation of the corn crop of more than \$2,000,000.

The State revenue by direct tax in 1902 was about \$2,500,000, so an increase of one bushel to the acre would almost pay the direct tax of the whole State. An increase of two bushels to the acre will not only pay the direct tax, but pay the cost of pure bred, pedigreed seed corn.

Pedigreed corn is the latest thing in agriculture. The ordinary farmer's corn is corn, the only difference being in the color, but to the trained scientist farmer corn is divided into many families. The mixing of different varieties of corn in the same field is regarded by the horticulturist as a grave mistake on the part of the planter.

"One bushel of pure bred corn, purchased of a reliable seed-grower, will yield 25 bushels," said Doctor Tucker. "Since this is high-grade seed, less will be needed per acre, for it will germinate better and there will be fewer barren stalks."

"Three kernels in a hill will be enough, and a bushel will plant ten acres. This will make the seed cost 20 cents per acre, and two bushels of corn will be worth 60 cents, a profit of 40 cents per acre over the cost of seed. This 40 cents per acre will mean \$2,000,000 for the State, which will more than pay the direct tax. There will then be over \$600,000 left to the farmers of the State after paying for seed and the tax."

LOST WOMAN IDENTIFIED.

Mrs. Alice Maher Is Said to Be Deceased.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, May 2.—The jewel-becked, aged woman found wandering around the streets in an apparently demented condition and taken to Bellevue Hospital to be examined as to her sanity, was identified as Mrs. Alice Maher, 65 years old, of Hoboken, by Assistant Police Master Murray of that city. He took her back to Hoboken, where she is now staying with Mrs. Prosser, a friend.

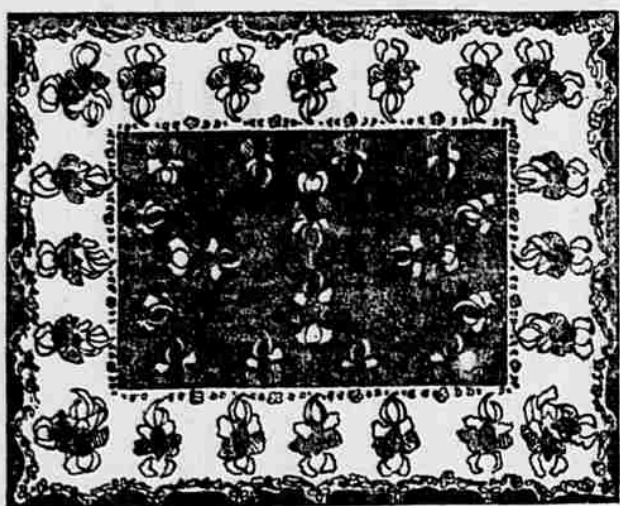
When Mrs. Maher was found she was wearing jewelry value at not less than \$100, and she had in her pockets more than \$50 in cash and three books on Hoboken lanes showing deposits of \$1,000. She was unable to tell who she was.

Mr. Murray said that Mrs. Maher was the widow of a former well-known sea captain, and that she possessed nearly a hundred thousand dollars' worth of property in and about Hoboken.

For years, he said, she had lived the life of a recluse in her home, and her friends feared that her mind had been affected by her solitary life and sorrow.

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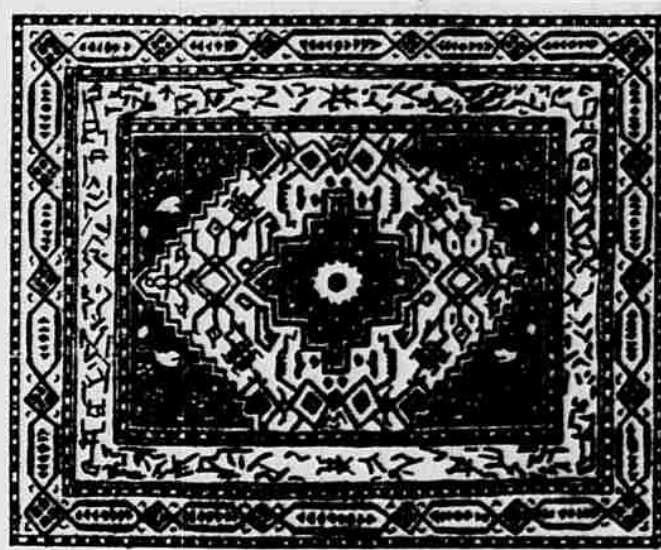
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50c Linoleums—per yard..... **27c**
65c Linoleums—per yard..... **41c**



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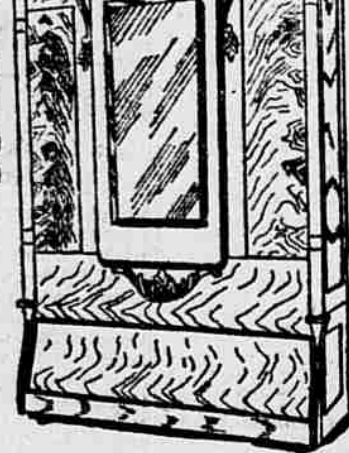
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We have a most complete assortment of these beds and show every pattern that is made. The new style is a Twentieth Century article in every particular, a big improvement on the old styles. The outer casing is of oak, tastefully carved and finely finished; the whole interior is of steel, steel sides, steel head and foot ends, steel springs and steel spiral supports.

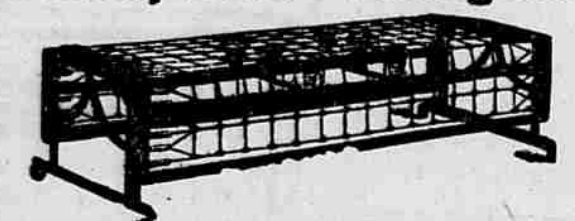
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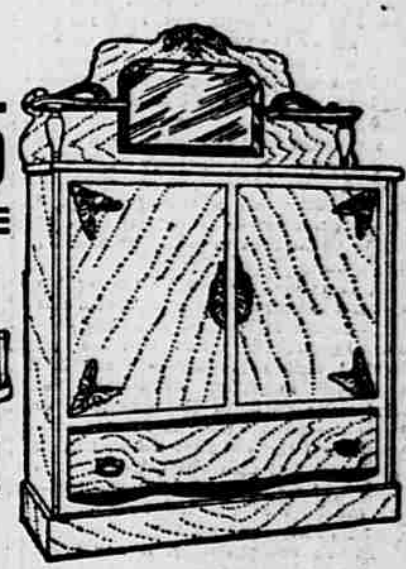
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SAYS WIFE IS GONE FROM HOTEL; CLERKS MYSTIFIED

Stranger in New York Asks Police Aid—Hotel Men Say They Don't Know Couple.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, May 2.—Clerks at the Imperial Hotel are puzzled to-day over a report made to the West Third Street Police Station by a well-dressed middle-aged man

to the effect that he has been at the hotel since Friday and has lost his wife.

The stranger, who had gray hair, a gray mustache and was of a refined and well-to-do appearance, said he came from Ohio, but refused to give his name.

He asked the police for information concerning his wife.

He said he had been at the hotel with her until dinner, when she partook of some wine, which was not at all customary with her. He said she liked to drink too much and disappeared, and he feared she had been arrested.

He had visited all the police stations around that part of the city, he said, had been to the various hospitals and other in-

stitutions, but had not been able to get any trace of her.

At the Imperial Hotel it was said no man had registered from Ohio. The clerks and other officials did not know of any such man as the one who had called at the police station.

UNIVERSITY BOYS' PRANK.

Placed Iron Elephant on Dome of Academic Building.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbia, Mo., May 2.—The Discipline Committee of the Missouri University

faculty is securing evidence against students of the engineering department charged with putting an iron elephant on the pinnacle above the dome of the Academic building. The feat accomplished by the students was extraordinary.

Access to the interior of the pinnacle had been barred by three massive iron doors fastened with padlocks, the keys to which the proctor carried in his pocket. Under cover of darkness, the students carried a galvanized iron elephant, weighing perhaps over a thousand pounds, to the dome of the building, and after forcing the three doors, dragged their burden to the highest point of the pinnacle, 20 feet above ground. The next morning the elephant

could be seen for a distance of five miles and farmers came to town to inquire about it.

The work of the students was accomplished in an hour, but it took a gang of workmen an entire day to remove the elephant from the pinnacle. In doing so a section of the slate roof was destroyed and the students, if identified, must pay the damages or be expelled.

Mr. Sprague Says World's Fair visitors were well pleased with the Delicatessen Luncheon.